

A NEW ARGENTINE SISYRINCHIUM

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Among the unnamed specimens of South American *Sisyrinchium* in the Gray Herbarium, there is one from Argentina that appears to represent an undescribed species, and is here described.

Sisyrinchium papillosum R. C. Foster, spec. nov. Planta parva, plus minusve caespitosa, e rhizoma breve angustoque. Folia basalia, ad 10 cm. longa et 2-3 mm. lata, glauca, dense breveque papillata, inflorescentiam excedentia. Inflorescentia terminalis, non pseudo-lateralis, spathae pluriflorae. Spathae inaequales, exterior quam interior longior, ad 2.4 cm. longae, glaucae, plusminusve dense papillatae. Pedicelli glanduloso-villosi, pili lutei, quam spatham interiorum ad anthesin breviores vel plusminusve aequantes. Ovarium oblongum, ad 3-3.5 mm. longum, dense glanduloso-pubescentis, pili lutei. Tepala subaequalia, lutea, venis atrobrunneis, ovata vel obovata, acuta, ad 1 cm. longa et 4-5 mm. lata, ad basim adaxialiter plusminusve glanduloso-villosa. Filamenta coalita 2.5 mm., dense glanduloso-villosa, libera plusminusve 1.8 mm.; antherae oblongae, circa 2 mm. longae. Styli rami plusminusve 2 mm. longi, quam antherae multo breviores. Capsula glanduloso-pubescentis vel glabrata. Semina matura non visa.

ARGENTINA: MENDOZA: TUMUYAN: ad ripas rivulorum pr. Cuesta de los Aflijidos, iter Andinum Paso del Portillo dicto, 24 Dec. 1933, A. Ruiz Leal 1875 (type, in Gray Herb.).

The partially united filaments with long, oblong anthers ally this species with the *Sisyrinchium Marchio* complex and to others such as *S. avenaceum* Klatt or even *S. Wettsteinii* Hand.-Mazz. It differs from these in smaller size, glaucous leaves and spathes, these being densely short-papillate, and in the glandular villosity of the united portion of the filaments and basal portion of the adaxial tepal-surface.

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